

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY,
MARCH 5, 1987 AT 9:00 A.M. IN BC-110, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE:

Present were:

C.H. Langford (Chair), Vice-Dean P. Albert,
Dr. F. Bird, Dr. J. Doukas, Dr. P. Fazio,
Dr. P. Shizgal, Ronda Stoller, Dr. C.Y. Suen,
Dean M. Szabo, Audrey J. Williams, Stella
Bulzan (Secretary)

Absent:

Hans Fotouhinia, Dr. D. Pariser, Dean R.
Parker, Dr. C. Ross, Dean M.N.S. Swamy

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE
MEMBERS:

SRC-87-03-05-D10	REACTION AU PLAN TRIENNAL DU FONDS FCAR (REVISED & TRANSLATED)
SRC-87-03-05-D11	INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION OF RESEARCH FUNDS
SRC-87-03-05-D12	FONDS DES SERVICES AUX COLLECTIVITES
SRC-87-03-05-D13	STRENGTHENING OF RESEARCH BY MODIFICATION OF FULL-TIME TO PART-TIME FACULTY RATIO

Dr. C.H. Langford occupied the chair.

I. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1.1 It was brought to the Committee's attention that Dr. J. Rokach's name was misspelled in the February 5, 1987 Minutes.
- 1.2 It was moved and seconded (Szabo, Albert) and unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Senate Research Committee Meeting of February 5, 1987 be approved.

II. CHAIR'S REMARKS

A/ External Evaluators on FCAR Proposals

- 2.1 Chair solicited the Committee's reactions to external review of FCAR proposals and whether they considered it desirable.
- 2.2 Chair to prepare report for FCAR requesting that clear and uniform ground rules be made known regarding evaluation procedures and consideration be given to external review.

B/ Consulting Fees for Faculty (DSS)

This item was put off to a later meeting.

C/ Director of Research Services - A.J. Williams

- 2.1 A.J. Williams announced the availability of the leave research grants for those going on sabbatical leave in 1987-88.
- 2.2 Document (SRC-87-03-05-D12) was distributed for Committee's information. Members were informed that this program is aimed at funding university researchers working with groups outside a university milieu. Identification of research groups to whom this would be of interest was requested.

D/ Chair introduced new members: Dr. F. Bird from Religion and Dr. C.Y. Suen from Computer Science.

III. RESEARCH COMPUTING PLANNING (I. FUCHS)

- 3.1 Director of Computer Centre discussed planning of computing facilities for research and various methods of making users more self-reliant.
- 3.2 Mr. Fuchs discussed Computer Centre policy regarding charges to researchers (at approximately 30% of the commercial rate). Low levels of collection were noted. Mr. Fuchs called attention to the "library model" of funding Computing Centre use.

- 3.3 Committee members were informed of Computer Centre's "Second Annual Plan and Review of Information Development at Concordia". Mr. Fuchs stated he would like to receive comments from members on this plan.
- 3.4 Dr. Shizgal mentioned various needs he would like to see considered by the Computer Centre. These were:
- a) Internal Communications - use of electronic mail university-wide
 - b) Clearing House for Used Equipment - this formalized system would allow saving money in terms of upgrading, etc.
 - c) Common Licensing Scheme with DEC - ability to copy legally
 - d) Small Machines - availability of a software library
 - e) User Groups - for various popular machines
 - f) Media Transfer - central storage of information
 - g) Software for Research - ways that researchers can identify their needs for large software packages
 - h) Applications Programmers - versus applications experts
- 3.5 General response from Committee members to Dr. Shizgal's points was positive.
- 3.6 Mr. Fuchs discussed each point and possible ways that they could be achieved through the Computer Centre.
- 3.7 It was agreed by the Committee that Mr. Fuchs would attend another Senate Research Committee Meeting in two months time. The Committee was left with two items to consider:
- a) Committee to comment re: library concept of computer funding and providing resources for research;
 - b) Software selection process and Committee's participation.

IV. FULL-TIME FACULTY/ADJUNCT PROFESSORS: IMPLICATIONS FOR RESEARCH (DEAN SZABO) (supported by document SRC-87-03-05-D13)

4.1 Dean Szabo provided Committee members with document SRC-87-03-05-D13.

4.2 Referring to the above document, the Dean discussed several points that relate to research and teaching. The following resolution reflects the Committee's position re: increase of full-time faculty:

"The Senate Research Committee supports the concept of expanding our research strengths by development of a strategy to increase the pool of full-time faculty involved in research."

Moved by Dr. Fazio; Seconded by Dr. Shizgal.
Motion Carried.

4.3 Committee to discuss this item further at a later meeting.

V. INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION OF RESEARCH FUNDS (SRC-87-03-05-D11)

5.1 Chair invited members to respond to above document separately between now and next meeting and these responses will be distributed to Committee members.

5.2 Chair invited members to edit this document by adding or deleting as well as by prioritizing list.

VI. GRADUATE BURSARIES VS. GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS (OVERHEAD IMPLICATIONS)

Due to lack of time, this item will be put on Agenda of next Senate Research Committee Meeting.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Dr. Fazio suggested that Agenda for next meeting be written according to priority, and that each item be assigned a time limit.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.